

Washington State Tour - Golf Northwest

Golf is a very popular activity in the Pacific Northwest in spite of the short season we enjoy. While there are diehards who play all year, most people either hang up their clubs for the winter or head to drier ground in Arizona or California. As a result of this great popularity, the Northwest Washington region claims some of the most beautiful courses in the country. Allow us to introduce you to some of our most beautiful and challenging courses around.

Itinerary:

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL IN SEATTLE

Arrive in Seattle, WA by 5:00 pm. Your Tour Director will be available at the hotel from 1:00 - 6:00 pm to assist with information. Tonight, enjoy a welcome drink, or two, hosted by your Tour Director. Hotel: Executive Pacific Plaza

DAY 2 - SEATTLE GOLF

This morning we start out with *The Golf Club at Newcastle*. This course was designed by Robert Cupp and has spectacular views overlooking the Bellevue area. The yardage from the white tees is 6,011 with a 68.5/122 rating. Don't let that fool you, it is not easy. This afternoon, we will continue north and check in at our hotel, the **Skagit Valley Casino Resort** where you can take a swim in the pool or place a bet at a table.

DAY 3 - EAGLEMONT

As the name indicates, this course is where eagles soar - and so do golf balls! This John Steidel design is a championship caliber course featuring elevated tees, ponds and lots of waste areas. The white yardage is 6,445 with a 70.5/126 rating. This is a newer course that can play very tough - shot placement off the tee is a must at *Eaglemont*. This afternoon we'll continue with a stop at Bellingham's "Boundary Bay Brewery" for some local flavor before we arrive at our hotel for the evening. **Semiahmoo Resort** will be our hotel for the next two nights.

DAY 4 - SEMIAHMOO/LOOMIS TRAIL

Depending on the dates of this tour, you will play *Semiahmoo* one day and *Loomis Trail* the other, since they are open to non-members on alternate days. *Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club* is an Arnold Palmer designed course and truly one of the finest facilities in the entire Northwest. The course is 6,003 yards with a 69.2/123 rating and is definitely a Resort Course. This afternoon you will have the option of playing a different type of course, the very challenging *Shuksan Golf Club*. This 6,235 yard course offers fantastic golf with majestic views of Mt. Baker from many of the holes. This facility has been ranked Four Star by Golf Digest Places to Play. The rating is 70.1/125.

DAY 5 - LOOMIS TRAIL/SEMAHMOO

Loomis Trail Golf Club is a very challenging course with water coming in to play on most holes. The yardage is 6,167 with a rating of 70.0/132; which will tell you something about this course which was ranked #3 in Washington in 1993. To give you a chance to recover from Loomis, we will drive/ferry to Victoria and arrive in this beautiful

city early evening. We will have a great meal and an overnight stay with a view of the Inner Harbour. Hotel: Grand Hotel

DAY 6 - BEAR MOUNTAIN

The newest star in Victoria's crown is the recently opened *Bear Mountain*. This Jack Nicklaus design golf course has not yet been rated, but promises to be a challenge, and along with the natural beauty of the Victoria area becomes the perfect ending to this Pacific Northwest Golf experience.

Late this afternoon we board the 'Victoria Clipper' for our return trip to Seattle. Sailing through the San Juan Islands explains perfectly the reason why Northwesterners are so passionate about our small part of the world.

We hope you enjoyed your visit to Washington State and Vancouver Island, and that you will want to return for another visit in the future to a different part of our diverse region.

The courses listed in this itinerary are by no means the average courses in the Pacific Northwest, and if your group prefers those less challenging and expensive, we can substitute both courses and hotels.